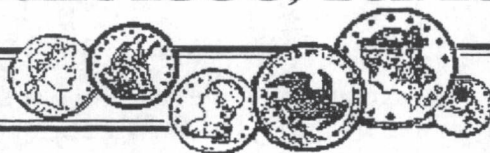




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PRIZES *** PRIZES ***** PRIZES ***** PRIZES ***** PRIZES**

Promptness Prize---1927-S Walking Liberty Half
Grand Prize---1920 Gold 2 Pesos (not a reproduction)

1882-O---Morgan Silver Dollar

Matts Place G/F \$1.00-----	Helper, Ut-----	Unlisted
Julies Place G/F 10 cents-----	Grantsville, Ut-----	HR-1 \$8-16
John Butler G/F 5 cents-----	Willard, Ut-----	LR-10 Open
Heber Merc. Co. G/F 5 cents-----	Heber, Ut-----	LR-4 \$12-25
Utah State Prison G/F \$1.00-----	Sugarhouse, Ut-----	LR-1 \$10-18
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Helper Club G/F \$1.00-----	Helper, Ut-----	LR-2 \$10-20
J.A. Stewart G/F 25 cents-----	Morgan, Ut-----	HR-5 \$40-55
Carbon-Emery Store #4 G/F 1-Exploder--	Carbon, Ut-----	LR-4 \$18-25
The Bank Bar G/F 5 cents-----	Eureka, Ut-----	HR-5 \$11-24
Diamanits Club G/F 10 cents-----	Helper, Ut-----	LR-4 \$12-28
Mountain Club G/F 10 cents-----	Bingham, Ut-----	HR-5 \$10-20

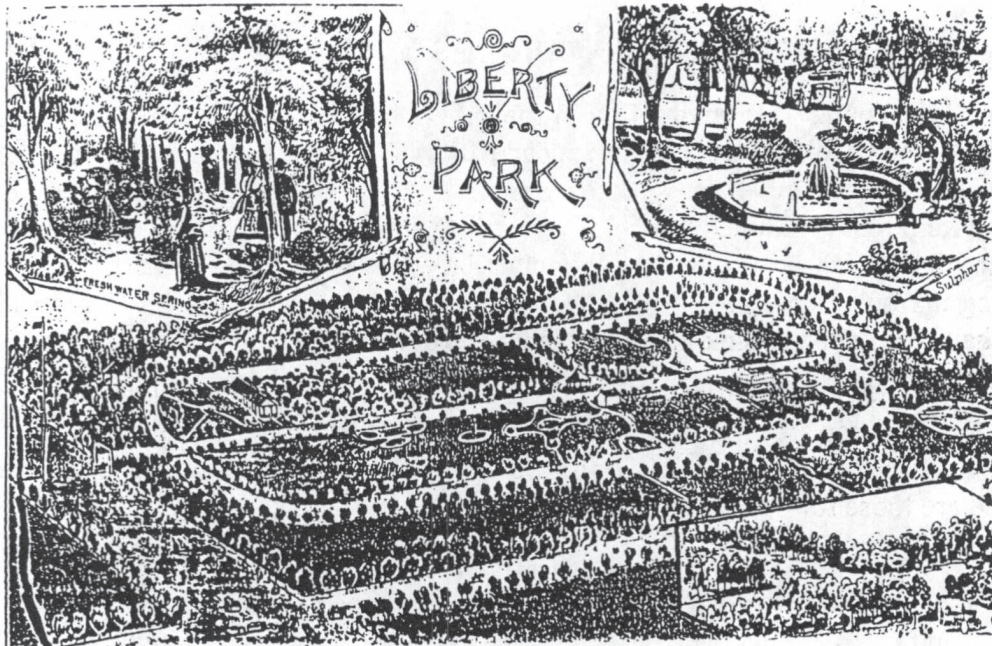


WAGON MASTERS REPORT By Bruce Dugger



We had 55 entries for the FOM. It was hard to decide which was best on a couple of the entries. As for the Club outing to Dragon, the Dragons breath was not as bad as some thought it might be. The weather was actually perfect. It did rain a few times but the ground adsorbed it as fast as it came down & with-in 2 hrs it would be dry and perfect (not hot/dusty) for detecting, digging or what-ever. Myself & family, Tom Mahoney & Paula (don't remember last name) arrived on Friday afternoon. Eric Hubbard & family showed up on Sunday afternoon. I really had a good time and I think the others also did. Several neat things were found, 2-Barber Dimes, 1-Merc Dime, 3-Buffalo Nickels, 1-Indian Head penny, Several wheat back pennies (coin dates ranged from 1890 to 1929). Also found were a couple of antique jewelry items, a railroaders watch fob, a horses Martindale, 3-Marbles, several neat bottles and 1-Token from Rangley, Colo. Myself I plan on returning to the Dragon--still lots of stuff to be found. Oh well time for the 1st Place winners for the FOM:

U.S. Coin-----	Bruce Dugger-- 1908 V-Nickel
Foreign Coin-----	Bruce Dugger-- Chinese Cash Coin
Token-----	Bruce Dugger-- G.T. Olsen G/F 25 cents Emery, Ut
Jewelry-----	Bruce Dugger-- 18 Carat Mans Gold Ring
Artifact-----	Jim Jeffries-- Pioneer Jubilee Metal 1847-1897
Button-----	Jeral Smith-- 1840-1860 Maryland Military Institute
Non-Metal-----	Two Way Tie Between: Bruce Dugger--Banded Lutz Swirl Marble Jeral Smith--Akro Agate Corkscrew Marble
Peoples Choice Bottle-----	Bruce Dugger--Amber 30 Phenolax Wafers
Oldest U.S. Coin-----	Jim Jeffries--1897 V-Nickel
Oldest U.S. Cent-----	Kevin Anderson--1892 Indian Head



COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR'S CHAIR



I have always tried to keep a low-profile regarding the pursuit of this often misunderstood hobby (how many of your friends wonder why you spend hundreds of dollars and dozens of hours to find "pennies"?). However, I recently had the chance to enhance the reputation of metal detecting with some fellow employees.

After working in her yard, one of the office secretaries used the garden hose to clean mud from her hands. Unfortunately, as the spray washed away the mud, it also carried with it her \$2,500 gold and diamond wedding ring! The secretary didn't miss it until the next morning. In a panic, she spent a whole day vainly searching through the garden. In desperation, she rented a detector for 4 hours, but all she detected were dozens of nails left from the recent construction of her home. The next day, she borrowed an old metal detector; however, she still only found nails and sprinkler heads.

At work, I heard of her unfortunate situation and her unsuccessful efforts to find the ring. I told the secretary that, if she could keep it confidential, I was sure I could find the ring. She told me she had already searched for the ring with a detector, but I reminded her of the line from "Ghostbusters" where Earnie Ford says "you gotta have the tools *and* the talent."

I have a Spectrum XLT and a Garrett GTA 500. Because I was certain the ring was no more than a few inches deep and because of its easy notch discrimination, I chose the Garrett. I then borrowed my wife's ring to get a feel for where the ring would register on the ID target meter. While my wife's ring has only one small diamond, I was sure its gold band would give me a sense of the lost ring's approximate conductivity.

Upon arrival at her home, the other family members were skeptical since they had already searched twice with a metal detector. As I began scanning, I immediately picked up the rusting nails. With the punch of a button, the GTA ignored the nails. Other trash targets were as easily rejected as I waited for a signal in the "ring" area of the ID meter.

After just ten minutes I got a reading in the "pull-tab" and "ring" area. After pinpointing, I was further encouraged since it was only two inches deep. As I lightly dug, all I found were a number of dirt clods. I scanned again and knew that my target was now on the surface. I began picking up and crushing the dirt clods. I went through three that simply crumbled in my hands but on the fourth I saw the glint of gold and diamonds. The ring was encased in the mud like a chocolate-dipped cherry. I wonder how much rain and watering it would have taken before the ring appeared on the surface in a recognizable form, or would the ring have continued to sink in the garden's dirt never to be seen again.

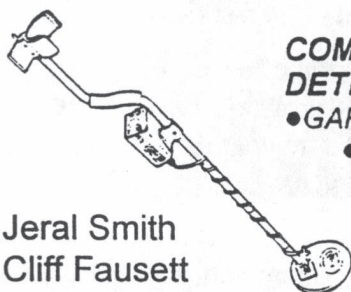
When I called the secretary to report the find, she started to cry, she couldn't stop thanking me, and she offered me a \$50.00 reward. I told her I couldn't take \$50.00 for ten minutes of work. However, a few days later, I received a \$50.00 gift certificate to a great restaurant in town. Sometimes the best treasures we find are those for other people.

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VERY SHORT HISTORIES OF SELECTED PARKS

BY KEVIN ANDERSON

Lindsey Gardens (M Street and 9th Ave.)



Lindsey Gardens was one of the first recreation areas in the City and was used by schools and different religious groups for community gatherings. Mark Lindsey homesteaded the property in 1865. Lindsey added Victorian amusements to attract visitors and charged a small admission at the entrance located at the southern part of the park. For children, there were giant slides, greased poles, swings, "whirligigs" and a bathhouse. For adults, a dance pavilion was located in the northern end.

The City leased the property in 1923 from Emma Lindsey. The North Bench Improvement League purchased playground equipment and made improvements including a shelter. In 1928, the League purchased the land for \$1,000 per acre. In 1948, the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers dedicated a marker to Lindsey and his original homestead. The softball and little league ball fields were constructed in 1955.

In 1947, the Flora Culture Club established a garden in the eastern part of the park. The Club dedicated the iris plot to the Utah women who gave their lives during World War II. In 1996, the irises are still blooming. TH'ers searching in the garden are sure to find bronze markers under trees about two or three inches below the ground. Apparently, each year the Flora Culture Club planted a tree and left the marker to commemorate the president of the Club.

Memory Grove Park



Before the pioneers built the fort on the site of the present City and County Building (Washington Square), City Creek Canyon was the primary camp site for arriving parties. As the City grew, the entrance to City Creek was through Brigham's Eagle Gate.

In April 1902, the City passed a resolution to construct a road through the canyon. In 1920, the City set aside a part of the canyon to plant trees in honor of the "Great War's" dead. Within a month, 300 trees had been planted. The City dedicated the park as a memorial in June of 1924.

The City dedicated the circular marble colonnade bearing the names of 745 Utah soldiers who lost their lives in World War I. The captured gun was added in 1926. The Beason Memorial

Chapel was built by Mr. and Mrs. Ross Beason in memory of their son who was killed in World War II. Efforts are presently underway to restore the Beason chapel including its gold leaf ceiling.

*Fairmont Park
(2361 South 9th East)*



The forty acres of land for Fairmont Park was acquired in 1930 and the park was dedicated in June of 1937. The west 2,000 feet of the park was acquired in 1939. The swimming pool was constructed in 1937 and was remodeled in 1943. Ball fields were constructed in 1953, 1954, and 1955.

THE REAL REASON HUNTED-OUT AREAS CONTINUE TO PRODUCE?

During the past year of reading everything I could on metal detecting, I have heard a number of theories on why old coins continue to be found in hunted-out areas. Metal detector manufactures assure us it is only with their newer, better (and more expensive) equipment that one can make good finds in hunted-out areas. Old timers are certain it is their talent and skill at hearing the faint whispers of silver that enables them to pull good finds from worked-out sites. Those with a scientific bent look to the moisture content of the soils or sunspot activity to explain why they make finds that others miss. However, in this newsletter, I wish to propose an entirely new and previously unheard of postulate -- namely, that the reason worked-out areas continue to produce is a result of the common earthworm!

Next to the theory of evolution, Charles Darwin's greatest passion was the study of worms. Darwin spent many a day calculating the rate at which the monoliths of Stonehenge were sinking. Based on his observations, Darwin learned that the stones sank at a rate of six inches every twenty years. While Darwin's conclusion was not particularly earth-shattering, his theory was surprising because Darwin asserted that worms were the cause of the sinking. Darwin hypothesized that worms "churned" the top six to eight inches of soil every twenty years. Subsequent scientific study proved Darwin's theory about the earthworm to be true (the jury is still out on Darwin's "other" theory).

As a result, is it not possible that worms carry lost coins to undetectable depths and then back again every forty years or so? Consequently, in 1996, are coins lost in the 1950's and the 1910's finally making their way to the detection capabilities of our coils? I, for one, intend to find out.

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